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SUBJECT: UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: CANADIAN CALL FOR
SPECIAL SESSION ON RWANDA

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1. THIS IS AN ACTION CABLE. SEE PARAS 3 TO 7.

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2 AS INDICATED REFTTEL C (NOTAL), THE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS CONVENING A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ON RWANDA. WE WELCOME THE INFORMATION (REFTELS A AND B) THAT CANADA HAS OFFICIALLY REQUESTED THE SPECIAL SESSION.

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3. FOR GENEVA: IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL B, MISSION IS INSTRUCTED TO INFORM AYALA LASSO, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, THAT THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS CANADA'S REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL SESSION ON RWANDA.

4. FOR ACTION ADDRESSES: EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENT AT THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR CANADA'S CALL FOR A SPECIAL

SESSION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ON RWANDA. OSTS SHOULD UNDERSCORE THE DEADLINE OF 6 P.M. (GENEVA TIME) ON MONDAY, MAY 16 FOR RESPONDING TO THE INQUIRY BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER. A FAILURE TO RESPOND BY THAT DEADLINE WILL BE CONSIDERED A NO/NO VOTE ON THE SPECIAL
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SESSION.

5. POSTS MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

-- THE NEW UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AYALA LASSO OF ECUADOR, IS VISITING RWANDA. HE HAS ASKED THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE UNHRC CONSIDER HOLDING A SPECIAL SESSION TO REVIEW THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THAT COUNTRY AND STEPS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN.

-- WE SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA'S OFFICIAL CALL FOR A SPECIAL SESSION ON RWANDA AND ASK THAT YOU JOIN IN SUPPORTING THIS ACTION.

-- ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER NO LATER THAN 6 P.M. (GENEVA TIME) ON MONDAY, MAY 16. ANY COUNTRY FAILING TO RESPOND BY THAT DEADLINE WILL BE COUNTED AS A NO/NO VOTE ON THIS ISSUE.

6. FOR LUANDA, YAOUNDE, COTE D'IVOIRE, BISSAU, NAIROBI, MASERU, LILONGWE, NOUAKCHOTT, MAURITIUS, LAGOS, KHARTOUM, LOME, TUNIS: POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE OF STRONG AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE SPECIAL

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SESSION. EMBASSIES MAY DRAW FROM TALKING POINTS BELOW:

-- CANADA'S CALL FOR A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ON RWANDA IS THE FIRST SINCE THE SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA CALLED BY THE UNITED STATES.

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-- THE SEVERITY OF THE SITUATION IN RWANDA REQUIRES INTERNATIONAL ACTION AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR ENDING THE BLOODSHED IN THAT COUNTRY.

-- YOUR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE SPECIAL SESSION, AND PROPOSALS FOR NEXT STEPS, WILL BE CRUCIAL TO FINDING A SOLUTION TO THIS HORRIBLE CONFLICT.

7. FOR OTTAWA: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ASSURE THE GOC OF OUR COOPERATION AND TO EXPLORE WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT THEIR GOALS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING IDEAS FOR ANY DRAFT RESOLUTION BEING PREPARED BY THE CANADIANS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION.

8. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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